LETTER V.

FROM

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TO

Mr PETER COLLINSON, F. R. S. *London*.

SIR, *July* 27, 1750.

MR. *W—tſ—n*, I believe, wrote his obſervations on my laſt paper in haſte, without having firſt well conſidered the experiments related in §. 17. which ſtill appear to me deciſive in the queſtion, — *Whether the accumulation of the electrical fire be in the electrified glaſs, or in the non-electric matter connected with the glaſs?* — and to demonſtrate that 'tis really in the glaſs.

As to the experiment that ingenious gentleman mentions, and which he thinks concluſive on the other ſide, I perſwade myſelf he will change his opinion of it, when he conſiders, that as one perſon applying the wire of the charged bottle to warm ſpirits, in a ſpoon held by another perſon, both ſtanding on the floor, will fire the ſpirits, and yet ſuch firing will not determine whether the accumula-